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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 2-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) none is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 2-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) none is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) none are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3. 6) ☐ Other: .

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is the first on the merit of the instant application.
2. The instant application is a continuation of Application Serial Number 09/023,804.
3. Claims 2-35 are pending in this action.
4. Claim 1 has been canceled.
5. Applicant, after canceling claim 1 in the amendment section, considers the claim as a live claim in the Remarks section. Examiner considers it to be a typographical error and considers only claims 2-35 as pending claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 11-14, 19, 20, 24 and 28-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spartz et al., (Spartz) (US 6,178,337 B1) in view of Gennel et al. (Genell), (US 6,122,505).

As per claim 2: In a communication system, a method comprising:

sending a base station Service Request from a base station to a mobile

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station controller for establishing a mobile-termination and base station reads on '337 (see col. 4, lines 39-45; col. 17, lines 60-65).

sending a base station Service Response message from said mobile station controller to said base station for acknowledging a call setup request by

said base station reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 65-col. 18, line 9). But, Spartz does not explicitly teach about a base station initiated call as claimed by applicant. However, in a related field of endeavor Genell teaches that base stations can be placed in a test mode wherein one base station issues a test command to another (neighboring) base station which in turn reports (by initiating a call) to a BSC and the BSC to the MSC (see col. 4, lines 48-67; col. 8, lines 33-67). It is clear from the reference that a base station initiates/setup a call to a base station controller to present a test result. And it is obvious that a test report is a form of service. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Spartz with that of Genell for the advantage of introducing a low cost test method for accurately checking the transmitting and receiving capabilities of scattered base stations (see col. 2, lines 10-13).

As per claim 3: The method further comprising:

sending a Paging Request message from said mobile station controller to said base station for establishing said mobile-termination and base station

initiated call reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 60-col. 18, line 14).

As per claim 7: The method wherein said base station Service Request contains an identity of a mobile station, wherein said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call is for said mobile station reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 47-col. 18, line 14). Identity of mobile station is inherent to the prior art system ('337). The mobile station has to/must be authenticated before getting service from a network.

As per claim 11: The method further comprising:

determining said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call is for a mobile station within a serving region of said mobile station controller reads on '337 (see col. 14, lines 15-23). As modified above, the identified page message would have included a base station initiated call.

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As per claim 12: The method further comprising:

sending a page message from said base station to a mobile station over a paging channel, wherein said mobile station is a terminated mobile station reads on '337 (see col. 14, lines 15-23). When modified as shown above, the page signal/message could be a mobile-termination and base station-initiated call.

As per claim 13: The method further comprising:

sending a page response message from said mobile station to said base station over an access channel acknowledging reception of said page message from said base station reads on '337 (see col. 25, lines 1-34).

As per claim 14: The method further comprising:

establishing said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call between said mobile station and said base station reads on '337 (see figs. 2 and 3; col. 14, lines 15-23). As modified above, a base station would have been able to initiate a call.

Claims 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spartz et al.)(Spartz) (US 6,178,337 B1) in view of Gennel et al. (Genell) (US 6,122,505).

As per claim 19: In a communication system, an apparatus comprising:
a base station configured for sending a base station Service Request for

establishing a mobile-termination reads on station '337 (see col. 4, lines 39-45; col. 17, lines 60-65).

a mobile station controller configured for receiving said base station Service Request and sending a base station Service Response message to said base station for acknowledging a call setup request by said base station reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 65-col. 18, line 9). But, Spartz does not explicitly teach about a base station initiated call as claimed by applicant. However, in a related field of endeavor Genell teaches that base stations can be placed in a test mode wherein one base station issues a test command to another (neighboring) base station which in turn reports (by initiating a call) to a BSC and the BSC to the MSC (see col. 4, lines 48-67; col. 8, lines 33-67). It is clear from the reference that a base station initiates/setup a call to a base station controller to present a test result. And it is obvious that a test report is a form of service. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of Spartz with that of Genell for the advantage of introducing a low cost test method for accurately checking

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the transmitting and receiving capabilities of scattered base stations (see col. 2, lines 10-13).

As per claim 20: The apparatus wherein said mobile station controller is configured for sending a Paging Request message to said base station for establishing said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 60-col. 18, line 14).

As per claim 24: The apparatus wherein said base station Service Request contains an identity of a mobile station, wherein said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call is for said mobile station reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 47-col. 18, line 14). Identity of mobile station is inherent to the prior art system ('337). The mobile station has to/must be authenticated before getting service from a network.

As per claim 28: The apparatus wherein said mobile station controller is configured for determining said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call is for a mobile station within a serving region of said mobile station controller reads on '337 (see col. 14, lines 15-23). As modified above, the identified page message would have included a base station initiated call.

As per claim 29: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for sending a page message to a mobile station over a paging channel, wherein said mobile station is a terminated mobile station for said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call reads on '337 (see col. 14, lines 15-23). When modified as shown above, the page signal/message could be a mobile-termination and base station-initiated call.

As per claim 30: The apparatus wherein said mobile station is configured for sending a page response message to said base station over an access channel acknowledging reception of said page message from said base station reads on '337 (see col. 25, lines 1-34).

As per claim 31: The apparatus wherein said mobile station and said base station, individually or in combination, are configured for establishing said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call between said mobile station and said base station reads on '337 (see figs. 2 and 3; col. 14, lines 15-23). As modified above, a base station would have been able to initiate a call.

Claim 4-6 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spartz in view of Genell as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Manning et al. (Manning) (US 6,519,266).

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As per claim 4: The method further comprising:

wherein said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call is for said mobile station reads on '337 (see col. 17, line 47-col. 18, line 14). But, Spartz in view of Gennel does not explicitly teach about establishing a Dormant state between a mobile station and said base station prior to said sending said base station Service Response message, as claimed by applicant. However, in a related field of endeavor, Manning teaches that a dormant state can be established between a mobile station and a network (see col. 2, line 65-col. 4, line 26, particularly col. 3, line 39-col. 4, line 26). It is obvious that a base station would have been part of the network. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify the above reference/s with the teaching of Manning for the advantage of enabling mobile stations to be in a dormant state when there is not data to transmit/send and in an active state when there is data to send/transmit (see col. 3, line 57-col. 4, line 16).

As per claim 5: The method further comprising:

terminating all physical channels between said base station and said mobile station for said establishing said Dormant state reads on reads on '266 (see col. 3, lines 57-64; col. 4, lines 9-16).

As per claim 6: But, The method further comprising:

maintaining a Point to Point Protocol between said mobile station and a Packet Data Network during said Dormant state reads on '266 (see col. 3, line 38-col. 4, line 26).

As per claim 15: The method further comprising:

receiving at said base station a request from a Packet Data Network for establishing a packet data communication call with a mobile station reads on '266 (see col. 3, line 38-col. 4, line 26).

As per claim 16: The method further comprising:

detecting a Dormant state between said mobile station and said base station reads on '266 (see col. 4, lines 9-16). Time is provided as means/detector for putting the mobile on a dormant state.

As per claim 17: The method further comprising:

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receiving at said base station at least a packet of data for transmission from a Packet Data Network to a mobile station reads on '266 (see col. 3, line 39-col. 4, line 16).

As per claim 18: The method further comprising:

detecting a Dormant state between said mobile station and said base station '266 (see col. 4, lines 9-16). Time is provided as means/detector for putting the mobile on a dormant state.

As per claim 21: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for establishing a Dormant state between a mobile station and said base station prior to said sending said base station Service Response message, wherein said mobile-termination and base station-initiated call is for said mobile station reads on '266 (see col. 2, line 65-col. 4, line 26, particularly col. 3, line 39-col. 4, line 26)

As per claim 22: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for terminating all physical channels between said base station and said mobile station for said establishing said Dormant state reads on '266 (see col. 3, lines 57-64; col. 4, lines 9-16).

As per claim 23: The apparatus wherein said mobile station, or said base station, or said mobile station and said base station are configured for maintaining a Point to Point Protocol between said mobile station and a packet Data Network during said Dormant state '266 (see col. 3, line 38-col. 4, line 26).

As per claim 32: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for receiving a request from a Packet Data Network for establishing a packet data communication call with a mobile station reads on '266 (see col. 3, line 38-col. 4, line 26).

As per claim 33: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for detecting a Dormant state between said mobile station and said base station reads on '266 (see col. 4, lines 9-16). Time is provided as means/detector for putting the mobile on a dormant state.

As per claim 34: The apparatus as recited in claim 19 wherein said base station is configured for receiving at least a packet of data for transmission from a Packet Data Network to a mobile station reads on '266 (see col. 3, line 38-col. 4, line 26).

As per claim 35: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for detecting a Dormant state between said mobile station and said base station reads on '266 (see col. 4, lines 9-16). Time is provided as means/detector for putting the mobile on a dormant state.

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Claims 8-10 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spartz in views of Genell and Lekven, as applied to claims 2, 4, 19 and 21 and further in view of McWilliams (US 6,272,547B1)

As per claim 8: But, Spartz in view of Gennel do not explicitly teach about starting a timer for counting an elapsed time from said sending said base station Service Request, as claimed by applicant. However, in a related field of endeavor, McWilliams teaches about a message sending and receiving computers using a message service for transferring a small amount of data files controlled by the initiating computer wherein the initiator sends a request message to the responder and at the same time it starts a timer (see col. 7, lines 26-36). It is also to be noted that a base station and a base station controller includes computers that communicate each other using messaging data. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify Spartz in view of Gennel for the advantage of reliably transferring/sending data/messages from one entity/computer to another (see col. 1, lines 18-22).

As per claim 9: The method further comprising: re-sending said base station Service Request when said elapsed time exceeds a predetermined elapsed time reads on '547 (see col. 7, lines 26-36).

As per claim 10: The method further comprising: stopping said timer when said base station Service Response message is received by said base station reads on '547 (see col. 7, lines 26-36). The timer in the instant reference stops/restarts, when the set time is reached. It is obvious that the same timer would stop upon detecting a response from a responding device. If not, the sender would not know whether or not the message is received and the timer would keep repeating because it is not detecting a response that would stop it.

As per claim 25: The apparatus further comprising: a timer for counting an elapsed time from said sending said base station Service Request reads on '547 (see col. 7, lines 26-36). The feature of claim 25 is similar to the feature of claim 8 and hence rejected on the same ground and motivation. Please refer to claim 8 for motivation.

As per claim 26: The apparatus wherein said base station is configured for re-sending said base station Service Request when said elapsed time exceeds a predetermined elapsed time reads on '547 (see col. 7, lines 26-36).

As per claim 27: The apparatus as recited in claim 25 wherein said timer is configured for stopping when said base station Service Response message is received by said base station '547 (see col. 7, lines 26-36). The timer in the instant reference stops/restarts, when the set time is reached. It is obvious that the same timer would stop upon detecting a response from a responding device. If not, the sender would not know whether or not the message is received and

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the timer would keep repeating because it is not detecting a response that would stop it.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N Zewdu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5418. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (703) 308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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